

NCLB Committee of Practitioners Meeting Minutes

Mega Conference
Wigwam Resort and Conference Center
Litchfield Park, AZ
November, 2010

COP Members: Sylvia A. Johnson, Co-Chair Harriet Caruso, Co-Chair Heidi Atkinson Debbie Burdick Karen Burns-Copley Angelina Canto Mary Lou Chambers Weatherly Geri Cloud Linda Denno Sherry Dorathy Mona Doyle Shelly Duran Bob Fleischmann David Gauch Connie Heath	Lidell Jacobson Ildi Laczko-Kerr Carrie Larson Jean Lewis Vivian Martinez Rebecca McClenning Natalie McWhorter Cynthia Neuzil Chelsey Peitz Jacquelyn Power Doug Price Shelly Reed-Mezei Dean Slaga Gina Vukovich	ADE: Nancy Konitzer – Title I DAS Tee Lambert – COP Clerk Mary Haluska Terry Dolan Lynn Strizich Cathy Poplin Terry Strayhand	Guests: Mark Nichols
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Welcome and Introductions

The Committee of Practitioners (COP) was called to order at 2:00 pm by COP Co-Chair Sylvia Johnson. Sylvia welcomed members and thanked them for staying after the conference and asked members to introduce themselves.

Business Items

Co-Chair Harriet Caruso requested for volunteers from members to hold future COP meetings. Future locations were volunteered:

- January 21, 2011 Scottsdale Unified District
- March 4, 2011 Balsz Elementary District
- May 6, 2011 Chandler Unified District

Reports

Teacher and Principal Evaluation Task Force:

Harriet introduced, Nancy Konitzer, Deputy Associate Superintendent of Title I and Consolidated Activities. Nancy provided the report on the Task Force for Dr. Butterfield who was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Dr. Vickie Ballentine is the Chair and there 18 people on the committee, and the next meeting is to be held December 3, 2010. The meetings are posted on the ADE website and open to the public. There are two sub-committees that report to the Task Force:

- Professional Teaching Standards,
- Assessments

The Task Force is currently focused on gathering information and each meeting does have a call to the public where input can be provided to the Task Force. The point of the Task Force is to focus on the Framework around the assessment piece that is required by statute that is to be 33% to 50% of the evaluation; the rest is to be local decision.

Nancy let COP members know there are several ways to provide input as a committee or as an individual. The Task Force has a portion of the agenda which includes a call to public, which allows 3 minutes to present, COP as group could request to send information to the Task Force members and request time to present to the Task Force, if they agree. Co-chair Sylvia asked members if they would like to work as Committee to provide information to the Task Force at the January meeting. Members asked if the ASA (Arizona School Administrators) could present to COP on the work they have already done. Nancy mentioned what she would like COP to give thought to how it will affect Title I Teachers who may not be the teacher of record.

Governor's P-20 Coordinating Council:

Nancy Konitzer provided an update on the Governor's P-20 Council. Even though Arizona did not attain the Race to the Top funding, Governor Brewer still wants to use the P-20 Council as part her Education Reform agenda utilizing the Race to the Top application. Next meeting will meet at the Rodel Foundation.

IDEAL:

Kathy Poplin, Deputy Associate Superintendent, for Educational Technology and Mark Nichols from IDEAL. Kathy provided an IDEAL update:

- IDEAL can now track Title I schools
- The Usage is up 13%
- Summer Professional Development
 - 23 courses offered
 - 600 participated
 - 80% completion
- Fall Professional Development
 - 18 courses
 - 479 participating
- ASU developing collaboration in creating learning communities for ASIP
 - Parent Information Resources
 - Resources for Teachers
 - Resources for Parents
- IDEAL will have resources to assist teachers and schools with the new Arizona Academic Standards aligned to the Common Core Standards.

Kathy and Mark asking for input on how to get more school and LEAs involved in using IDEAL. For Professional Development it was suggested the need for more professional development surrounding Math content.

NCLB Program Updates

Reauthorization of ESEA:

Nancy Konitzer provided an overview of where reauthorization stands after the election. She mentioned that there has been work that has been done behind the scenes. She provided the names of the current chairs of the education committees:

- Tom Harkin (D-IA) serves as Chairman of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee.
- Rep. John Kline (R-MN) serves as Chairman of the U.S. House Education and Labor Committee

There have been discussions of pulling back unspent stimulus dollars and of rescinding the EduJobs funding. That funding level would be set back to 2008 funding. Arizona received \$260 million in 2008 compared to the \$304 million received in 2010. In the budget itself funding titles have changed:

- Title I is now being referred to as College and Career Ready,
- Title II-A to Great Leaders, Great Teachers.
- Other smaller funding levels have been consolidated.

Nancy encouraged member to go to the National Title I web page for the latest information.

School Improvement:

Co-chair Harriet Caruso introduced Angela Denning, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Improvement and Intervention. Angela went over School Improvement Data collected for the past 3 years:

	2008	2009	2010
Warning	159	122	160
SI – 1	100	111	91
SI – 2	86	67	67
CA	42	55	42
RP	13	36	38
RI	35	40	65

There has been an increase of schools moving out of School Improvement, from 2009 to 2010:

- 48 schools made AYP for the 2nd year in a row (11%) and have moved out of school improvement,
- of the 122 schools in Warning for 2009, 42 made AYP in 2010 (35%).

Angela also shared data relating to the 1,233 Title I schools making AYP for the first time in 2010

- Of the 1233 Title I Schools, 303 are in School Improvement = 25%
 - of the 91 schools in Year 1 – 42 made AYP = 46%
 - of the 67 schools in Year 2 – 22 made AYP = 33%
 - of the 42 schools in CA – 16 made AYP = 38%
 - of the 38 RP schools – 5 made AYP = 13%
 - of the 65 RI schools – 12 made AYP = 19%

97 of the schools in improvement made AYP in 2010 = 32%

48 schools made AYP for 2 years (11%) and are out of school improvement. Angela's School Improvement Unit will be having discussions with the 5 schools that moved out from Restructuring and see what changes they implemented that made them successful.

Angela went over the changes in the School Improvement Grant

- Flexibility to generate lists
- Parent and community engagement
- Pre-implementation – funding can be used for but not limited to:
 - Holding and parent and community meetings to review school performance and develop school improvement plans;
 - Recruiting and hiring the incoming principal, leadership team and instructional staff;
 - Conducting a rigorous review process; and
 - Providing professional development.

Good of the Order

It was mentioned that the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. John Huppenthal, be invited to the March Meeting.

Adjourn

Jacquelyn Power motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ildi Laczko-Kerr. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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